

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 19, line 1, change "the" to ~~–The–~~, to correct an obvious typographical error.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest a high strength polyethylene multifilament essentially as claimed in claims 10 and 12, said multifilament requiring the specific combination of properties of a stress Raman shift factor not smaller than $-5.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}/(\text{cN/dTex})$, an average strength of not lower than 38 cN/dTex; knot strength retention not lower than 40% and an elongation at break of from 2.5% inclusive to 6.0% inclusive (claim 10) or said multifilament having a crystal size of monoclinic crystal of not larger than 9nm, an average strength of not lower than 38 cN/dTex, and knot strength retention of not lower than 40% (claim 12).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jill Gray whose telephone number is 571-272-1524. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and alternate Fridays 10:00-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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